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Applicant: Alain Tornier Appl. No.: 10/612,296 Filed: 07/03/2003

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action on the merits mailed October 15, 2004, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.